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SUBJ: ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE: DENKTAS SPEECH

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1. ALTHOUGH DENKTAS SPEECH AT MAY 12 CLOSED SESSION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED USIS LOCAL EMPLOYEE OBTAINED FOLLOWING TEXT ON PRIVILEGED BASIS:

" TURKEY HAS RESCUED US FROM BEING DESTROYED. NOW WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT FEAR. BUT THE STRUGGLE STILL CONTINUES. FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED AND HAVE YOUR SUPPORT.

" A POSITIVE STEP HAS BEEN ACHIEVED TODAY FOR PALESTINE. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE PROBLEMS OF THE PALESTINIANS AND THE CYPRIOT TURKS. BOTH OF THEM HAVE FOUGHT AND DIED FOR THEIR LANDS AND CAUSES. IN RETURNS, GREECE WANTS THE WORLD TO PUNISH US. WE ARE PRAYING TO GOD THAT OUR MOSLEM FRIENDS WILL NOT FALL INTO THIS GAME. JUST LIKE THE JEWS WHO WANT
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TO DECLARE PALESTINE AS THEIR HOLY AND SACRED LAND, THE GREEK

ORTHODOX CHURCH CARRIES THE SAME AIM AND AMBITION FOR CYPRUS.

" WE ARE HOPING THAT THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES WILL NOT LEAVE US ALONE IN OUR CAUSE AND WILL HELP US IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS TO MAKE HEARD OUR VOICES. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR SUPPORT. WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU TO CHANGE YOUR PRINCIPLES BUT WE WANT YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ACHIEVING EQUALITY IN CYPRUS. AN EQUALITY ON THE ISLAND CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH NEGOTIAIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

" HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN IN CYPRUS? HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW THE SUFFERINGS OF THE CYPRIOT TURKS? YOU WILL BE WELL BRIEFED ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS IF THE FEDERAL STATE OF CYPRUS IS PERMITTTED TO BE REPRESENTED AS OBSERVER IN THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCES. I SHALL RETURN TO CYPRUS WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND WISDOM I WILL TAKE FROM YOU."
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